RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 58

Travancoreans in War Service.

60. * **MR. P. O. THOMAS** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Travancoreans in war service and the religions and castes to which they belong?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The number up to the end of July 1944 is approximately estimated to be 70,000. Information as to their religions and castes is not available.

E. M. School at Edapally.

61. * **MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the accommodation of the English Middle School at Edapally;

(*b*) what is the strength of each class of the school at present; and

(*c*) whether there are proper seating arrangements for the whole strength?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The English Middle School, Edapally, has accommodation for 247 pupils.

(*b*)

Preparatory Class		101.
Form	I	82.
,,	II	62.
,,	III	56.

(*c*) Not quite sufficient.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: In view to the insufficient nature of accommodation for school children, how do Government propose to tackle the problem?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: By means of temporary sheds.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Then, may I know why they have not been put up?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Last time the work could not be taken up for want of proper tenderers.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to take steps to ease the situation at least this year?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, Sir.

Nedumangad English Middle School.

62. * **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students passed in the III Form Public Examination from the Nedumangad English Middle School during the last academic year; and

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[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai]

(*b*) whether they are aware that there is no English High School anywhere in the taluk or anywhere within 10 miles of the town of Nedumangad ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) 35. (*b*) Yes.

Kannipoovu cultivation.

63. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Kannipoovu cultivation in the State has failed generally for want of rain ;

(*b*) whether any report has been called for to estimate the probable loss in production of paddy consequent on such failure of crops ; and

(*c*) whether any remission in tax is contemplated in the areas so affected ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Want of timely rains has affected the cultivation in some taluks.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter is being enquired into.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : Do the Government know that thousands of acres of paddy crop are drying up at the further end of the Tovala Channel for want of water ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : No, Sir.

MR. K. K CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*) : Are the Government aware that in Mavelikara and Kunnattur taluks, crops have failed as a result of which people could not pay Government dues?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : To a certain extent, there has been failure of crop in some areas; but no great hardship has been suffered by the ryots.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : So, will the agriculturists there be allowed facilities in the matter of purchase of paddy ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : It has all along been the consistent policy of Government to grant relief where the conditions demand such relief.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI : May I know what are the taluks which are seriously affected on this account ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : No taluk has been seriously affected.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI : What is the amount of water available now at the Kodayar reservoir ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : The level is rather low at the moment. But it is slowly coming up. The Chief Engineer now tells me that the present level in the reservoir is 17 feet.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI : Do the Government know that a few years ago, the needs of these lands were satisfied with only 9 ft. of water in the reservoir ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : The conditions that prevailed in the past do not obtain today

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